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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel Claims 1-28 without prejudice to the patentability thereof.

Please add the following new claims:

A method for inhibiting an HIV infection comprising administering to a human in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of (2S,3S,5S)-5-(N-(N-((N-Methyl-N-((2-isopropyl-4-thiazolyl)methyl)-amino)carbonyl)valinyl)amino)-2-(N-((5-thiazolyl)methoxycarbonyl)amino)-1,6diphenyl-3-hydroxyhexane or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in combination with a therapeutically effective amount of another HIV protease inhibiting compound.

The method of Claim 29 wherein the other HIV protease inhibiting compound is selected from the group consisting of Ro 31-8959, SC-52151, KNI-227 and KNI-272.